

# Parents: Information on the Vaccines for Children Program

### What is the Vaccines For Children Program?

The Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program is a federal program that provides vaccines to eligible children at no cost. The federal government pays for the vaccines. The doctors and clinics enrolled in the VFC Program give the vaccines to children who qualify. Physicians may charge administrative or office visit fees.

### How much will I have to pay?

All vaccines are free through the VFC Program, saving you \$100 or more on some vaccines. There may be other costs to your VFC provider visit:

- Doctors may charge an administrative fee to give a shot. However, VCF vaccines cannot be denied to an eligible child if the family cannot afford the fee.
- There may be a fee for the office visit.

## Is my child eligible for the VFC Program?

Your child is eligible from birth through 18 years of age to get the vaccine and if he or she is:

- on Medicaid or eligible for Medicaid
- do not have health insurance
- are American Indian or Alaskan Native
- are under-insured:
  - insurance does not cover vaccines
  - insurance covers selected vaccines (eligible only for those vaccines not covered)

#### For More Information

If you have questions about the VFC
Program, call your healthcare provider or
the Department of Health – Immunization
Program STT/STJ (340) 776-1113, STX
(340) 718-1311.





